Easter Sunday
March 27, 2005

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions

Acts 2: 42-47 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31

Theme: Jesus gives us the power of the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins.

Question for Adults: Jesus appears to the apostles, gives them the Holy Spirit and tells them they have the power to forgive sins. When this past week, did you forgive a coworker or a member of your family? When did you accept the forgiveness of another?

Question for Children: Jesus fills us with the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive. Name a time this past week when you were forgiven and when you also forgave someone who hurt you or caused you pain.

Mon., March 28, 2004
Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15
5:45 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Improved health of Ken Carpenter
Office Hours - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast in rectory
6:30 p.m. – Finance Meeting
7:00 pm – Lay Ministry
No Y.E.S.

Tues., March 29, 2004
Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18
5:45 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: For all who prayed for Ziggy Hladzy
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m. – Notre Dame Speaker

Wed., March 30, 2004
Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35
5:45 pm – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Healing of the Sexually Abused
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Food Pantry – 9:00 – 12:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. – Collection Counters Meeting
6:00 p.m. – Wednesday Meal
7:00 p.m. - YF Class
7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council

Thur. March 31, 2004
Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48
8:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Mass for Pro Life
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – Renovation Committee Meeting

Fri., April 1, 2004
Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14
Office Hours – 9:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m. – First Friday Mass
Intention: Repose of Lindsey Venjohn

Sat., April 2, 2005
Daily Reading
Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15
Sunday Reading
Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31
5:00 p.m. Mass
Ministry Schedule:
***Bread Baker**: Irene Daschel: all three Masses*
***Altar Servers**: Jessica Schacher, Bethany & Hannah Ehresmann*
***Euch. Min.**: **Body:** Lorinda Collings*
***Blood**: Eileen & Charlie Desmond, Carol Conway & Diane Clarke*
***Lector:** Sue Colgan & Steve Colgan*
***Sacristan:** Linda & Joe Schacher*
***Usher**: Joyce & Pat Clark*
***Music:** Folk Group*

Sun., April 3, 2005
Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of Easter Sunday
Ministry Schedule:
***Altar Servers**: Jessica Ferley, Cheyenne Quinn & Whitney Werdel*
***Euch: Min.: Body**: Mary Johnson*
***Blood**: Bruce Johnson, Dean & Mary Antonsen & Beth-Anne Ferley*
***Lector**: Pat Suiter & Tony Berendse*
***Sacristan:** Bruce & Mary Johnson*
***Ushers**: George & Nancy Nadzadi*
Music: Regina's Minstrels

9:00 a.m. – Coffee & Doughnuts

9:30 a.m. - YF Class

11:00 a.m. Liturgy of Easter Sunday
Ministry Schedule:
***Altar Servers:** Mattias Diedricksen, Tyler Corbine & Adam Johnson*
***Euch: Min.: Body**: Brad Blauvelt*
***Blood:** Mary Blauvelt, Christine Diedricksen, Kathy Johnson & Joni Osnes*
***Lector**: Jacob Johnson & Mary Blauvelt*
***Sacristan**: Mary & Brad Blauvelt*
***Ushers**: Pam & Bob Wentz*
***Music:** Family Choir*

7:00 p.m. – Taize Prayer

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Lord has risen! Proclaim it to the world! Pray for those who are called to priesthood and religious life. (John 20:1-9)

Sparks From Mark

The great season of Easter is upon us. After forty days in the Lenten desert filled with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we are ready to turn to fifty days of feasting in the newness of the resurrection of Christ. Our time in the desert has changed our minds and hearts. Those things we gave up for Lent, hopefully now we are able to see them with a new appreciation and understanding. We are not called to go back simply to our former ways of living but to live now to with a new heart, and a new spirit.

One of the aspects I enjoyed most about the season of Easter is that it is now Mystagogy time or the period Post baptismal Catechesis. This period takes place after the Sacraments of Initiation and the Rite of Reception into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. This time is referred to as Mystagogy, derived from mystery....that is, the Mystery of all that God has given us through His Son, Jesus. It is a time where the newly-initiated continue to dwell on this great mystery and be nourished, especially through the deepening of sacramental life, with emphasis in the Gospel, the Eucharist, and Mission. The new members are called neophytes, which mean "newly planted", so that the seed now planted within them will be deeply rooted. This period ends at the one-year anniversary of initiation.

In the past we have invited our neophytes, to share their Easter faith with us a community of believers that their witnesses may strengthen our call to be a sacramental people. I would also invite anyone else in the parish who wanted to share and witness how their Lenten journey led to new resurrection of Christ in their lives to do that. Please contact the parish office if you want to share your Easter story.

May this Easter season be one of praising, shouting and feasting in the good news of the Resurrection of Christ.

Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament A Resource of the *Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy*
USCCB Publishing

3. What happens as we contemplate the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament?

When we contemplate Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament we are given the opportunity to thank him for his passion, death, and glorious resurrection, the marvelous saving act that brought about our redemption. Christ draws near to us, more intimate with us than we are with ourselves. He strengthens our share in his divine life, the life that transforms us into his likeness and, in the Spirit, he gives us access to the Father. As Pop3e John Paul II reflected in his recent encyclical letter:

"It is pleasant to spend time with him, to lie close to his breast like the Beloved Disciple (cf. Jn 13:25) and to feel the infinite love present in his heart. If in our time Christians must be distinguished above all by the 'art of prayer,' how can we not feel a renewed need to spend time in spiritual converse, in silent adoration, in heartfelt love before Christ present in the Most Holy Sacrament? How often, dear brother and sisters, have I experienced this, and drawn from it strength, consolation and support!"

Congratulations RCIA Candidates
Shawn Murra
Ashley VanDerWerff
Jessie Tucker

Prayer Corner: *Please remember in your daily prayers:*

Trent Matt - Repose
Lindsey Venjohn - Repose
Carol Maicki – Repose
Tom Hislop – Improved health
Joe Hilt – improved health
Daylen & Wade Rhodes – Improved health
Dorothy Johnson – Improved Health
Elizabeth Rohrbach – Improved health
Jackie Konechne – improved health
Mary Jo Spencer – improved health
Trish Kostel – improved health
Justin Judy- improved health
Judi James - for healing
Matthew Bearden - improved health
John Schmitz – improved health
Bob Roseland – repose
Terry Roseland – improved health
Fr. Dale Kutil – Repose
Vickie Bergeron – improved health

STEWARDSHIP
March 19th & 20th
General Collections

Loose	$1,082.57
Envelopes	$2,512.58
Votive	$2.00
Student	$93.26
Other	$346.00
Total	$4,086.41

Children's Offertory
Here is what a few of them said.

Time: "Rosary time at school", "Alter server training"

"**Talent**: "baseball". "Ice skating"

Thank You for Your Generous Support Of Catholic Relief Services Two special collections were held in the diocese recently. Thanks to your very generous support of the Tsunami Emergency collection, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) continues to be a leading agency in both the emergency and recovery phases of the tsunami response. CRS is working with local governments, international agencies, and private voluntary organizations to provide short- and long-term programs to improve the lives of the many thousands of people affected by the tsunami. You also gave generously to the CRS collection, which will allow CRS to continue to reach out to people in more than 94 countries and territories throughout the world to alleviate human suffering and promote peace. CRS provides humanitarian relief and development assistance in the areas of health, peace and justice, education, agriculture, microfinance, and emergency response. For more information on CRS, go to www.CatholicRelief.org.

OLBH Finance Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday March 28th.

Fr. Mark is cooking Pancakes!!!

All are invited to eat pancakes in the rectory Monday morning after Easter 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Rice Bowl. If you participated in Rice Bowl during lent, please bring them in and you may drop them off at the office or in the collection baskets. Thank you!

*****Collection Counters Meeting*****
Wednesday, March 30th at 5:00 p.m. in the parish office. If you have any questions, please Call Nancy Nadzadi at 721-3801

Our Lady of the Black Hills and the Notre Dame Club of the Black Hills are sponsoring a lecture on Religion and the Constitution on Tuesday, March 29 7:30 PM. Donald P. Kommers, Ph.D who teaches on the US Supreme Court and constitutional law at the University of Notre Dame will be examining the warfare taking place on the current Supreme Court over the role and place of religion in American society and public life. Part of his presentation will address two decisions the Supreme Court handed down in 2004 concerning the Pledge of Allegiance and Theology Scholarships.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 3, 2005
A POWERFUL PRAYER

In a vision to St. Faustina Kowalska in 1935, the **Lord** revealed a powerful prayer that **He** wanted everyone to say- **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy-** and he promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be lead by Cathy Wang after each mass April 2nd & 3rd. It is said on ordinary Rosary beads, and follow along pamphlets will be provided.

Diocesan News:

Praying the Scriptures; Lectio Divina
St. Martin's Monastery will be hosting a workshop on Lectio Divina, the prayerful reading of the Bible, April 22-24, 2005. Cost is $70.00. For questions on retreat, call Sister Marmion Howe, 343-2688 or Email srmarmion@aol.com

St. Thomas More High School will present Godspell on Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Seton. Both performances will be at 7pm and tickets are available at the door: students $1.00, adults $5.00, families $10.00. The SES/STM Fine Arts Club will host a reception following each performance. Godspell is sponsored by: Omni Home Finance, Black Hills Pediatrics, Behrens Wilson Funeral Home, Bear Country, Shooters and Golden West Technologies. It is produced by special arrangement with Theatre Maximus, 1650 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

Second Sunday of Easter
April 3, 2005

Scripture

- They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life,
  to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. (Acts 2:42)
- My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. (Psalm 118:14)
- Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
  to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you (1 Peter 1:3,4)
- Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy (1 Peter 1:8)
- Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

Reflection

- How important is the Eucharist and prayer to your spiritual life?
  a) Can take it or leave it.
  b) More important when I am troubled or in a crisis.
  c) Feel better when I take the time to pray and receive the Eucharist.
  d) Can't survive without daily prayer and more than weekly Eucharist.
- Describe your feeling of joy for prayer and the sacraments.
  a) Don't see a need.
  b) Feel good about participating.
  c) Daily practice and central to my life.
  d) Overwhelming presence that is central to my sense of well-being.
- What does Jesus mean, "As the father has sent me so I send you."
  e) I don't understand what is expected.
  f) I live a Christian life of loving my family and friends.
  g) I find ways to help the poor and marginalized.
  h) I find ways to build the community of the faithful by participating in the Eucharist and being the Eucharist to others.

The more you pray, the more you want to pray … It's like a fish that starts by swimming near the surface of the water, then plunges and goes on swimming deeper and deeper. The soul plunges, is swallowed up, loses itself in the delights of the conversation with God. [1]

In the quote above replace the word "pray" with "love", "act kindly" or "give generously.")

[1] Vianney, John, *A dictionary of Quotes from the Saints*, Paul Thigpen, Servant Publications, Ann Arbor, MI, 2001, p. 174)